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1. There is continuing evidence of a Democratic Republic of Vietnam offensive toward northwest Tonkin and upper Laos. Two regiments of the 304 Division, which are continuing a movement toward the northwest, are north of Route Provinciale 41 and may cross the Black River. One regiment is remaining in the Vinh area attached to the 325 Division.
2. Movement of elements of the 308 Division westward is also confirmed, but the exact location is uncertain. The command post of the 308 Division is being moved, and it is possible that the commanding general of the 308 Division will assume the overall command in the northwest zone of a combined group composed of elements of the 308 and 304 Divisions.
3. The bulk of the 316 Division is in the Dien Bien Phu region but appears to be short of rice with troops being on short ration. One battalion of the 176 Regiment is remaining at Sam Neua.

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